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- (5) The Madras Hindu Wills Bill.
- (6) " Succession Certificate Amendment Bill.
- (7) " Estates Land Bill.
- (8) " Civil Courts Amendment Bill.
- (9) A Bill to provide for the sanitation of places of pilgrimage and fairs and festivals.
- (10) A Bill for the registration of nurses and midwives.
- (11) The Land Revenue Settlement Bill.
- (12) A Bill to amend the Village Officers Act.
- (13) The Railway Protection Act Amendment Bill.
- (14) The Madras Court of Wards Amendment Bill.

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—“ May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether he proposes to introduce Bills (1) to (14) in this session of the Council ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Sir, a number of them will be introduced.”

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—“ Sir, I wish to know on what lines Bills (12) to (14) are going to be formulated.”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ They will be published before they are introduced.”

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Examination of the Red Hills water.

25 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Corporation of Madras sent or intended to send samples of Red Hills water at various levels in Madras to the King Institute, Guindy, for examination, and, if so, whether the Director of King Institute declined to examine them ?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative. The Surgeon-General was of opinion that the examination suggested would be of no value for the purpose which the Corporation had in view, viz., to find out whether water was contaminated through leakages in the service pipes.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Sir, I should like to know if the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government was satisfied with the opinion expressed by the Surgeon-General.”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ Yes, Sir.”

Report of the Committee on the Indigenous systems of Medicine.

26 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action the Government have taken on the Report of the Committee on the Indigenous systems of Medicine ?

A.—The report was referred by the Government to two experienced Indian Medical Service officers for expert opinion from the point of view of allopathic physicians. Their reply has been received and I have tentatively made the following proposals :—

- (1) Opening of a School of Indian Medicine, the staff of which will consist of a physician who has been trained according

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to the western system but who has made a special study of the indigenous systems, and also three lecturers—one for each of the indigenous systems, Ayurvedic, Unani and Sidha.

- (2) The introduction of a new subject, namely, the History of Medicine with special reference to the indigenous systems, in the curriculum of the Madras Medical College.
- (3) Formation of a museum consisting of a collection of the various drugs used by practitioners trained in the indigenous systems to be attached to the School of Indian Medicine, in order to enable scientists to investigate the drugs used by these doctors.
- (4) The constitution of a Licensing Board consisting of the Principal and the Lecturers of the School of Indian Medicine and well-known private Ayurvedic, Unani or Sidha practitioners. The main duty of the Board will be to grant licences after an adequate examination to doctors who desire to practise according to the indigenous systems.
- (5) I propose also to permit local bodies to employ doctors recognized by the Licensing Board in any new hospitals or dispensaries in rural areas to be opened by them.

The financial and administrative aspects of these proposals are now being examined. I have already asked for a provision in the next year's budget for the opening of the School of Indian Medicine. I desire to discuss these proposals with the members of the Standing Advisory Committee attached to the Medical and Public Health Administration before passing final orders on the report of the Committee.

SETTLEMENT.

Permanent settlement in ryotwari holdings.

27 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government of India passed orders on the resolution passed by the Legislative Council recommending the introduction of permanent settlement in the ryotwari holdings in the Presidency; and, if so, to place the same on the table?

A.—A reply was received from the Government of India in June last to the letter written by this Government on the subject of the Resolution referred to. The matter has been under further correspondence and the papers cannot be placed on the table.

RAILWAYS.

Profits from District Board Railways.

28 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the boards which own partially or wholly railways of their own and the net profits so far earned by each board on its railways, and